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In re the Application of

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For: RETAINING ELEMENT FOR BUILDING SHEETS

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As a concise statement of relevance it is respectfully submitted DE-4217221-A1 discloses a holding element for use in roof constructions. The holding element is formed by a folded sheet with a curved end-section forming a head part. The head part co-operates via ball bearings or tapered wheels with a separate member extending across the direction of elongation of the holding element. The building sheet member is flanged over this separate member.

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